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# CHAPTER 20

## BROKEN PLURAL

There are 2 types of plural:

### Plural

Sound  
Plural

الْجَبُّعُ السَّالِمُ

The original form of the noun does not change, and suffixes are used.

Boys  
Girls  
Students

Broken  
Plural

الْجَبُّعُ الْبُكَسَّرُ

The original form of the noun is changed by means of deletion, prefixes, infixes, and suffixes.

Children  
Geese  
Teeth

## Sound Plural

مُسْلِمٌ

## Broken Plural

قُلُوبٌ

قُلُوبٌ رَفْعُ مُسْلِمٌ + وَنَ

قُلُوبًا نَصْبُ مُسْلِمٍ + يْنَ

قُلُوبٍ جَرِّ مُسْلِمٍ + يْنَ

In Arabic, the sound plural of "**Muslimun**" includes "**Muslimoona**," for **Rafa**, "**Muslimeena**," for **Nasb**, and "**Muslimeena**" for **Jarr**, here the structure of the noun has not changed; we have only added a suffix to it, but the broken plural of "**Qalbun**" includes "**Quloobun**," for **Rafa**, "**Qulooban**," for **Nasb**, "**Quloobin**" for **Jarr**, here we can see the structure of the noun has changed to a new word.

Whenever the 3rd person female singular is used in the broken plural or non-human plural, it will be translated as plural.

3<sup>rd</sup> Person Female Singular



Broken Plural /  
Non-Human Plural



Plural

So, the 3rd person female singular ***pronouns, pointers, and verbs*** of the broken plural or non-human plural will also be translated as plural.

Example of broken or non-human plural:

Plural

جَنَّاتٍ

Gardens

آيَاتٍ

Signs

مَسَاجِدُ

Masjids

Singular

جَنَّةٌ

Garden

آيَةٌ

Sign

مَسْجِدٌ

Masjid

So when the 3rd person female singular pronouns, pointers, and verbs are used for these plurals, they will be translated as plural.



Pronouns

Pointers

Verb

هَآ هِآ

It

It

تِلْكَ هُذِهِ

That

This

تَفْعَلُ

It does

Broken Plural / Non-Human Plural

هَآ هِآ

Them They

تِلْكَ هُذِهِ

Those These

تَفْعَلُ

They do

Example of Pronouns (3:136)

وَجَنَّاتٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ

and gardens, (with) the rivers  
flowing from beneath them.←

Al Quran Surah No. 3 Ayat No. 136, Here جَنَّاتٌ is non-human plural, because of which هَآ is translated as "them" instead of "it," since it is the pronoun of جَنَّاتٌ.

Example of Verb (3:136)

وَجَنَّاتٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ

and gardens, (with) the rivers  
flowing from beneath them.

Al Quran Surah No. 3 Ayat No. 136, Here الْأَنْهَارُ is non-human plural; because of which the 3rd person female singular verb is used which is تَجْرِي instead of يَجْرُونَ , as it is the verb of the أَنْهَارُ.

Example of Pointers (10:1)

الرَّ تِلْكَ آيَاتُ الْكِتَابِ الْحَكِيمِ ①

(ALIF LAAM RAW) Those are  
the ayaats of the wise book.

Al Quran Surah No. 10 Ayat No. 1, Here, آيَاتُ is non-human plural, because of which تِلْكَ is translated as "these" instead of "this," since it is pointing to the آيَاتُ.

## Exercise

Identify the 3<sup>rd</sup> Person Female Singular of the Broken Plural / Non - Human Plural which is translated as Plural.

وَتِلْكَ **الْأَيَّامُ** نُدَاوِلُهَا بَيْنَ النَّاسِ (3:140)

And **those days** we keep on alternating **them** among the mankind.

قَالَ مَنْ يُحْيِي **الْعِظَامَ** وَهِيَ رَمِيمٌ (36:78)

He says, who will give life to **the bones** while **they** are decayed.

وَجَنَّاتٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ (3:136)

and **gardens**, (with) the rivers flowing from beneath **them**.

وَلَهُمْ **أَعْيُنٌ** لَا يُبْصِرُونَ بِهَا (7:179)

They have **eyes**, but they don't see with **them**.